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City Council Preview: Tuesday, January 5, 2010

Proclamations and Honors: 5 p.m.

Mayor Susan Narvaiz and the City Council will honor Police Corporal Frank Calabrese and Fire Captain Bill Schroeder with proclamations on their retirements. Miguel Arredondo will be recognized for his assistance with Student Government Day. Mayor Narvaiz will also issue a proclamation recognizing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, which will be observed on Monday, January 18.

Regular Session: 7 p.m.

Adding to Eddie Durham Jazz Park

The City Council will consider a measure to buy two tax-foreclosed vacant lots needed for the development of Eddie Durham Jazz Park. The lots would be added to the park at 205 W. Martin Luther King Drive, named for jazz and swing band great Eddie Durham. He was born in San Marcos in 1906, invented the electric guitar, and wrote or arranged such celebrated songs such as "Topsy," "One O'Clock Jump," "I Don't Want to Set the World on Fire," and "In the Mood."

Victory Gardens Improvements Design Project

A contract with engineering consultants Bain Medina Bain, Inc. will be considered for the final design of the Victory Gardens Improvement Project. This voter-approved \$7.75 million project will replace streets, drainage, water and wastewater lines in the neighborhood. Construction is anticipated to start in the fall of 2010 with completion by the end of 2012.

Taxi Cab Ordinance

The City Council will consider amending the 1970 ordinance regulating taxi cabs. The new provisions would require more detailed inspections of cabs, limits on fare rates, changes in operating hours, allowing cabs to solicit business, and providing for permits

and regulation of pedicabs. The rules would also require cab driver training for alcohol awareness and hospitality, and allow the police chief to suspend or revoke cab operator permits with an appeal process to the city manager.

Energy Efficiency Incentive Programs

The City Council will discuss implementation policies for several energy efficiency programs, including a \$75,000 heating and air conditioning rebate program funded through the Electric Utility and two federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants of \$149,050 each for two appliance replacement programs. City staff will administer one program and Combined Community Action a second program for low-income residents. In addition, the City Council will discuss House Bill 1937 adopted by the Texas Legislature last session which allows cities and residents to enter into voluntary assessments to finance energy efficiency projects on private property.

The agendas for City Council meeting are posted a minimum of 72 hours before the meeting online at <http://www.sanmarcostx.gov/cityhall/cityclerk/CouncilAgenda.html>. Regular City Council meetings are aired live on Time Warner Channel 10 and Grande Channel 16 and video streamed live on the City's website at www.sanmarcostx.gov.

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